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## Corps of Engineers Announces Proposal to Study John Redmond Pool Rise

TULSA, Okla. -- The Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, announced today that the Kansas Water Office has requested the district study the effects of raising the conservation pool at John Redmond Dam and Reservoir by one to two feet.

The John Redmond project was constructed for the purposes of flood control, water supply, water quality and recreation. The Kansas Water Office entered into a water supply storage contract with the United States Government in 1975. Since the lake's completion, water supply storage within the conservation pool has been depleted by sediment deposition while the flood control pool has experienced less than expected sedimentation losses. The objective of the proposed study is to evaluate alternatives to compensate for the disproportionate sediment deposition. The proposed study will document the environmental, economic and social impacts resulting from the modification to pool levels.

Public input will be an integral part of the study. Meetings will be held to give the public an opportunity to voice their opinions. Issues will be taken into consideration during the study process. The study is only proposed at this time and is subject to the availability of funding. For additional information, call Janet Holsomback, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, at 918-669-7089.